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S. 1577

To amend the Lower Rio Grande Valley Water Resources Conservation and Improvement Act of 2000 to authorize additional projects under that Act, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

OCTOBER 25, 2001

Mrs. HUTCHISON introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Lower Rio Grande Val-
5 ley Water Resources Conservation and Improvement Act
6 of 2001”.

1 **SEC. 2. ADDITIONAL PROJECT AUTHORIZATIONS.**

2 Section 4(a) of the Lower Rio Grande Valley Water
3 Resources Conservation and Improvement Act of 2000
4 (Public Law 106–576; 114 Stat. 3067) is amended by
5 adding at the end the following:

6 “(5) In the United Irrigation District of Hi-
7 dalgo County, Texas, a pipeline and pumping sys-
8 tem, as identified in the study conducted by Sigler,
9 Winston, Greenwood, and Associates, Inc., dated
10 January 2001.

11 “(6) In the Cameron County, Texas, Irrigation
12 District No. 2, proposed improvements to Canal C,
13 as identified in the engineering report completed by
14 Martin, Brown, and Perez, dated February 8, 2001.

15 “(7) In the Cameron County, Texas, Irrigation
16 District No. 2, a proposed Canal C and Canal 13
17 Inner Connect, as identified in the engineering re-
18 port completed by Martin, Brown, and Perez, dated
19 February 12, 2001.

20 “(8) In Delta Lake Irrigation District of Hi-
21 dalgo and Willacy Counties, Texas, proposed water
22 conservation projects, as identified in the engineer-
23 ing report completed by AW Blair Engineering,
24 dated February 13, 2001.

25 “(9) In the Hidalgo and Cameron County,
26 Texas, Irrigation District No. 9, a proposed project

1 to salvage spill water using automatic control of
2 canal gates, as identified in the engineering report
3 completed by AW Blair Engineering, dated February
4 14, 2001.

5 “(10) In the Brownsville Irrigation District of
6 Cameron County, Texas, a proposed main canal re-
7 placement, as identified in the engineering report
8 completed by Holdar-Garcia & Associates, dated
9 February 14, 2001.

10 “(11) In the Hidalgo County, Texas, Irrigation
11 District No. 16, a proposed off-district pump station
12 project, as identified in the engineering report com-
13 pleted by Melden & Hunt, Inc., dated February 14,
14 2001.

15 “(12) In the Hidalgo County, Texas, Irrigation
16 District No. 1, a proposed canal replacement of the
17 North Branch East Main, as identified in the engi-
18 neering analysis completed by Melden & Hunt, Inc.,
19 dated February 2001.

20 “(13) In the Donna (Texas) Irrigation District,
21 a proposed improvement project, as identified in the
22 engineering analysis completed by Melden & Hunt,
23 Inc., dated February 13, 2001.

24 “(14) In the Hudspeth County, Texas, Con-
25 servation and Reclamation District No. 1—

1 “(A) the Alamo Arroyo Pumping Plant
2 water quality project, as identified in the engi-
3 neering report and drawings completed by
4 Gebliard-Sarma and Associates, dated July
5 1996; and

6 “(B) the construction of a 1,000 acre-foot
7 off-channel regulating reservoir for the capture
8 and conservation of irrigation water, as identi-
9 fied in the engineering report completed by AW
10 Blair Engineering, dated March 2001.

11 “(15) In the El Paso County, Texas, Water Im-
12 provement District No. 1, the Riverside Canal Im-
13 provement Project Phase I, Reach A, a canal lining
14 and water conservation project, as identified in the
15 engineering report and drawings completed by AW
16 Blair Engineering, dated November 1999.

17 “(16) In the Maverick County, Texas, Water
18 Improvement and Control District No. 1, the con-
19 crete lining project of 12 miles of the Maverick Main
20 Canal, as identified in the engineering report com-
21 pleted by AW Blair Engineering, dated March 2001.

22 “(17) In the Hidalgo County, Texas, Irrigation
23 District No. 6, rehabilitation of 10.2 miles of con-
24 crete lining in the main canal between Lift Stations
25 Nos. 2 and 3, as identified in the engineering report

1 completed by AW Blair Engineering, dated March
2 2001.

3 “(18) In the Hidalgo County, Texas, Irrigation
4 District No. 2, Wisconsin Canal Improvements, as
5 identified in the engineering report completed by
6 Sigler, Winston, Greenwood and Associates, Inc.,
7 dated February 2001.

8 “(19) In the Hidalgo County Irrigation District
9 No. 2, Lateral ‘A’ Canal Improvements, as identified
10 in the engineering report completed by Sigler, Win-
11 ston, Greenwood and Associates, Inc., dated July 25,
12 2001.”.

13 **SEC. 3. ADDITIONAL AMENDMENTS.**

14 (a) LOWER RIO GRANDE WATER CONSERVATION
15 AND IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM.—Section 3 of the Lower
16 Rio Grande Valley Water Resources Conservation and Im-
17 provement Act of 2000 (Public Law 106–576; 114 Stat.
18 3065) is amended—

19 (1) in the first sentence of subsection (a), by
20 striking “The Secretary” and all that follows
21 through “in cooperation” and inserting “The Sec-
22 retary, acting through the Commissioner of Rec-
23 lamation, shall carry out a program under coopera-
24 tive agreements”;

1 (2) by striking subsection (b) and inserting the
2 following:

3 “(b) REVIEW AND EVALUATION.—The Secretary
4 shall review and evaluate project proposals in accordance
5 with the guidelines described in the document published
6 by the Bureau of Reclamation entitled ‘Guidelines for Pre-
7 paring and Reviewing Proposals for Water Conservation
8 and Improvement Projects Under Public Law 106–576’,
9 dated June 2000.”;

10 (3) in subsection (d), by inserting before the pe-
11 riod at the end the following: “, including operation,
12 maintenance, repair, and replacement”;

13 (4) in subsection (e), by striking “the criteria
14 established pursuant to this section” and inserting
15 “the guidelines referred to in subsection (b)”;

16 (5) by striking subsection (f) and inserting the
17 following:

18 “(f) REPORT PREPARATION; REIMBURSEMENT.—

19 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to paragraph (2),
20 project sponsors may choose to enter into 1 or more
21 contracts with the Secretary under which the Sec-
22 retary shall prepare the reports required under this
23 section.

24 “(2) FEDERAL SHARE.—The Federal share of
25 the cost of report preparation by the Secretary de-

1 scribed in paragraph (1) shall not exceed 50 percent
 2 of the total cost of that preparation.”; and

3 (6) in subsection (g), by striking “\$2,000,000”
 4 and inserting “\$8,000,000”.

5 (b) LOWER RIO GRANDE CONSTRUCTION AUTHOR-
 6 IZATION.—Section 4 of the Lower Rio Grande Valley
 7 Water Resources Conservation and Improvement Act of
 8 2000 (Public Law 106–576; 114 Stat. 3067) is
 9 amended—

10 (1) in subsection (b)—

11 (A) in the first sentence, by striking “costs
 12 of any construction” and inserting “total
 13 project cost of any project”; and

14 (B) in the last sentence, by striking
 15 “spent” and inserting “expended”; and

16 (2) in subsection (c), by striking “\$10,000,000”
 17 and inserting “\$47,000,000, as adjusted to reflect
 18 the change, relative to September 30, 2001, in the
 19 Consumer Price Index for all urban consumers pub-
 20 lished by the Department of Labor”.

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